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Honorable Stephen L. Crocker  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Western District of Wisconsin  
120 North Henry Street, Fifth Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Re: *United States v. Sinovel Wind Group Co., Ltd., et. al.*  
Case No.: 13-cr-00084-jdp

Dear Judge Crocker:

The United States learned that Michael Brown, one of five Alston and Bird attorneys listed on the docket as representing Sinovel, was nominated on July 13, 2017, to serve as a U.S. District Judge in the Northern District of Georgia. Congratulations to Mr. Brown. While the confirmation process is unpredictable, the Alston and Bird firm has likely been aware of Mr. Brown's application for some time and it has more than 800 lawyers. As there are six months between the nomination and the January 8, 2018 trial – a trial that was continued twice (R. 157 and 264) – and the victim has already waited more than four years, the United States will vigorously oppose any further continuances. The U.S. is available to discuss the issue if the Court or Sinovel believes it is necessary to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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